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MEMORANDUM FOR: Cable Secretariat

THROUGH : Chief of Operations, DD/P

SUBJECT : Cable Dissemination

REFERENCE : DPD-5253-59; Same subject; dated 4 August 1959

1. In August 1959, DP Division requested that the number of copies of cables received be increased. At the suggestion of the Office of the DD/P, it was decided to evaluate the situation for another sixty days and re-submit the request, if in the judgement of this Division, an increase was justified.

2. Present distribution is four copies, except NYDAP, which is three. DP Division, as constituted, has four major components--Administration, Operations, Materiel and Development Branches. It should be noted that unlike most units in the Agency, Materiel Branch is not under Administration but is distinct from it. Under Administration come two sections, Finance and Security, which differs from the usual division concept of these activities in that their Agency chiefs have delegated to them large areas of responsibilities and duties with the authority to take action. Operations Branch has, in addition to the normal office running projects, a Control Center, which is manned on a round-the-clock basis to monitor aircraft movement. There is also an Intelligence Section and a Technical Section. Under the Development Branch come the Technical Analysis Staff and the Contracts Section. It will be quickly observed that this alignment differs from the normal geographical subdivision of other Agency units, thereby creating far more action components than is normally found.

3. The DP Division each morning holds an Operational briefing in its Control Center. This is, of course, normal procedure in Divisions but what is unusual is the fact that this meeting includes not only the operating components but Materiel, Cover, Development, Security and Administration, each of which may be taking part in a particular going operation. At this meeting, decisions are made on actions requested by the field. The nature of this Division's primary activity--aircraft movement--is one that requires quick daily action. All branches and sections concerned are expected to provide guidance in their specialities which in turn calls for them to have studied the incoming requirements. A total distribution of four cables (three

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RYBAT) makes it difficult to get the information to all concerned sections in time for staff study. Of the four, one copy goes to the Division Chief, one is held by the Division Cable Secretariat for chronological and suspense purposes, leaving two for general distribution. The Operations Branch most frequently is the primary action party and it is felt that the Director of Operations's request for a copy of the cable in the first instance is justified. This leaves the Cable Secretariat with one copy to satisfy all others.

4. A routing sheet will not solve the problem. This method is too slow to satisfy the need for individual section study prior to the general discussion. While it is true, as stated above, that Operations Branch most frequently has primary action and that a copy to that unit should suffice, it has been noted that guidance of many of the other sections is usually required to provide the quick daily action air operations entail. The movement of cables by a routing system is too slow to accomplish the objectives.

5. It is accordingly requested that the IF Division receive a total of six copies of regular cables and four of RYBAT cables.

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/ Admin and Operations; DD/P

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Distribution:

- * 0 & 1 - Addressee
- * Concur in increase to 6 copies on action cables only. Info distribution to remain Admin/DPD at present.
 - 1 - DPD/Admin
 - 1 - DPD/Commo
 - 1 - DPD/RI

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